Scholarships at doctorate and M. Phil in Karnataka

2160. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of scholarships at doctorate and M.Phil levels granted in Karnataka during the last three years, ending on the 31st March, 2007, year-wise and category-wise, and the expenditure incurred by Government thereon, year-wise; and

(b) the allocation made for the State for 2007-08 for the purpose as against total allocation for the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The University Grants Commission (UGC) does not have any provision for Scholarship for doing M.Phil/ Ph.D. However, the UGC is providing fellowships under "Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowships for SC and ST candidates" which was launched in the financial year 2005-06 for pursing M.Phil/Ph.D. The selections were made during the year 2006-07 for both the years 2005-06 and 2006-07. The funding for SC category is being provided by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and for ST category by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. 188 Fellowships have been awarded for SC candidates and 24 for ST candidates in Karnataka during 2005-06 and 2006-07 for which the amount released is Rs.3,32,50,000 and Rs.59,65,000 respectively.

In addition to above, UGC is also providing fellowship to NET qualified Junior Research Fellows to pursue M.Phil/Ph.D. category-wise information in respect of candidates in Karnataka State is indicated below:

Year	M. Phil	Ph. D.	Male	Female	SC	ST	Grants (Rs.in lakh)
2004-05	-	30	14	16	1	-	54.53
2005-06	-	29	17	12	-	-	70.00
2006-07	-	29	16	13	3	-	149.97

(b) State-wise allocation is not made for the scheme.

Progress of National Institute of Studies, Amritsar

2161. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of establishing a National Institute of Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib at Amritsar, which was announced by the Prime Minister on 2nd September, 2004;

(b) what progress has been made by his Ministry about this project within these three years;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has been approached and the necessary sanctions obtained;